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Mayor

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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Covington, Louisiana is a charming southern community founded in 1813 with an historic downtown that is an eclectic mix of boutiques, art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants. As the Mayor of Covington, I'm proud of our history and culture, which we celebrate through music, food and the arts. As a close community, we take time to enjoy the concerts and special events that take place here and are constantly looking for ways to improve ourselves.

The proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks is an opportunity for such improvement. Covington currently sits in the biggest footprint of Charter Communications in the state of Louisiana, and New Charter – the entity that would be formed by this merger – would benefit the people of Covington in a variety of fashions.

Affordable and unlimited broadband is important to the growth and competitiveness of Covington. Our businesses and students can thrive in such an environment. New Charter's 60 Mbps entry level speeds will be less expensive for consumers than what is currently offered by competitors. Additionally, the pricing will be fair and consistent: federal or state Universal Service Fund (USF) fees will not be passed on to customers, pricing will be uniform nationally with no data caps, and there will be no usage-based pricing or modem fees.

Investment in infrastructure will be important to New Charter as well. Investments will be made in out-of-home WiFi and in-home WiFi alike. They will also build out one million line extensions of their networks into residential areas within the footprint beyond where they currently operate – adding on to their existing presence in Covington. These improvements will help provide high-speed service to rural and other underserved areas.

Covington has a long history as a community in the true sense of the word, and we always strive to give our people the best that is out there to help them make the most of their situations. New Charter is an excellent chance to provide the people of Covington with such opportunity. I ask the FCC to think about communities like ours and approve this merger.

Regards,

Mike Cooper
Mayor